

Maintaining Safety this July 4th

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Warm weather and fun family events can really make the 4th of July a wonderful time of year. Although fireworks are illegal in the state of Virginia, each state has its own laws governing firework usage. Sailors home on leave for the holiday should check with their local police department to find out if consumer fireworks are legal in their home state.

Sailors spending the holiday in Virginia, however, can commemorate the 4th with legal devices such as sparklers and snakes. If you do decide to use these items, it's extremely important to practice proper safety.

USS Enterprise's (CVN-65) Safety Department recommends several tips to ensure you and your family have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

"Be aware of the surrounding fire hazards such as dry leaves and foliage," said Safety Department's Leading Petty Officer Aviation Ordnanceman

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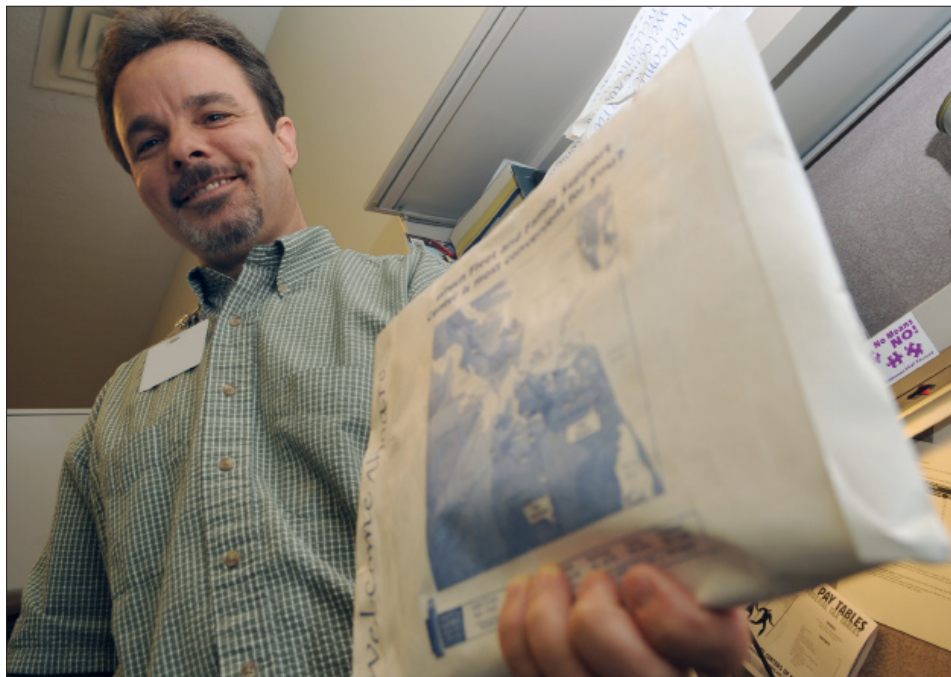


Photo by MC3 Devonte' Jones

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Representative, Chris Baxter, displays a Welcome Aboard packet in his office at FFSC Newport News.

How The Fleet and Family Support Center can Work for You

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USS Enterprise (CVN-65) Sailors have a variety of different resources at their disposal to tackle any number of issues going on in their lives. One of those resources is the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC).

FFSC is in place to help Navy and other military service members and dependents with the various issues that can arise in their personal lives. FFSC provides many different services including personal counseling, family counseling, relocation assistance and military spouse employment.

Enterprise Sailors might be surprised to hear that there is an FFSC office conveniently located in downtown Newport News.

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Weekly Forecast

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
						
Partly Cloudy 92°	T-storms 92°	T-storms 90°	Partly Cloudy 89°	T-storms 88°	Sunny 87°	Sunny 88°

Plan Your Pack Out, PCS Moves Back On

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The Navy announced June 19 that it will resume issuing permanent change of station (PCS) orders following a three-month delay due to a budget shortfall.

Last April, approximately 14,000 Sailors who were supposed to transfer during the summer had their transfer dates delayed until fiscal year 2010. With the passing of a supplemental request, the Navy received approximately \$89 million needed to fund PCS moves through the end of this fiscal year.

“Navy leadership made PCS funding a priority in discussions with the Congress, and earlier this week, Navy’s supplemental funding request passed both houses of Congress. Accordingly, Navy Personnel Command has been authorized to resume

normal order writing, enabling Sailors and their families to move this summer,” said Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson.

Sailors who previously negotiated orders, but then had their transfer date put on hold, need to renegotiate orders via Career Management System Interactive Detailing (CMSID) or their detailers.

Detailers recorded what Sailors had previously negotiated and will try to honor those commitments, to the maximum extent possible, but Sailors still need to reapply.

During the PCS delay, the Navy issued a limited number of orders for Sailors completing individual augmentees (IA) and GWOT support assignments (GSA) as well as new accessions, so billets that were avail-

able before the PCS delay may no longer be available.

“We want to do what is best for the Sailor. Now that funds are available, they may want to move sooner in order to get their children enrolled in school or they may want to remain at their current duty station until November,” said Master Chief Quarter Master (SW/AW) Andy Millar, senior enlisted advisor for enlisted distribution.

Millar and his detailers are committed to working with affected Sailors to minimize the disruption for Sailors and their families.

The current CMSID cycle ends June 24, and the next cycle begins July 9 – 22.

Sailors may log in and view available assignments at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/Enlisted/CMS/>.



June 25

Matt Kearney at the Norva at 1930.

June 26

Hampton Jazz Festival at the Hampton Coliseum. Visit ticketmaster.com for tickets.

June 27

MWR Overnight Whitewater Rafting Trip to New River, WV. Trip cost is \$75. Sign up at the MWR ticket window.

June 29

Twilight stargazing hike at Sandy Bottom Nature Park in Hampton. Hike begins at 7 p.m. and cost is only \$2.



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BAS Note

All Enterprise enlisted Sailors will have their BAS automatically deducted from their pay effective, Wednesday, 1 July due to full availability of messing onboard.

Lay Leader Recruitment

RMD is looking for Lay Leaders for the worship schedule when we return to sea. Catholic, Jewish, and Islamic lay leaders are particularly needed. Volunteers will receive training and support from RMD. Contact Chaplain Wilmot if interested.

Personnel Note

Customer Service will be issuing ID cards based on appointments starting today. The sign up sheet will be located outside of the Disbursing Office on the ship the day prior to the scheduled appointment day. Also we will block off three slots for the khakis: 0800-0830, 1100-1130, and 1400-1430.

First Aid Training

310 Advanced First Aid Training will be held in Main Medical onboard the ship at 1300 every Thursday. If you have more than 10 personnel that need this training e-mail HM2 Shields to schedule a time for training in the afternoon.

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Chris Baxter is the Relocation Coordinator at FFSC Newport News. Baxter helps people move to and from the Hampton Roads area as well as helps families get acclimated after their arrival in the area.

“The main thing we offer is information,” said Baxter. “Information about Tricare; we offer welcome aboard packages. We have a free and inexpensive event flyer and maps of the area, emergency food, money and other information.”

One program offered is the deployment support program, which gives families information leading up to, and during, deployments. The goal is to help take some of the hardship and uncertainty out of deployments.

FFSC also provides information that helps Sailors improve their careers.

“We’re hoping that by giving them resources for their Sailors, they can ‘head-off’ problems before they become huge crises for the commands to deal with,” said Baxter.

One of the most used services offered by FFSC is their financial service. FFSC provides many financial information resources to help educate Sailors about issues such as TSP, car-buying strategies, financial responsibilities in the military and budget counseling.

For additional information on FFSC you can visit FFSCNorva.navy.mil or you can call the Newport News office at (757) 688-NAVY.

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First Class Kenneth Brown. “Also make sure to store the devices in a cool, dry place so that the possibility of premature detonation is at a minimum.”

In addition, using the Operational Risk Management (ORM) System to plan ahead may help prevent injuries. By gathering a few items ahead of time, you will be more prepared in case of an emergency and could even save someone’s life.

“Using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as a face shield or safety glasses and fire proof gloves will protect against burns,” said Brown. “It’s also a great idea to have a bucket of water or hose standing nearby in case of a fire.”

A few more tips include reading all warning instructions printed on the label, and maintaining a safe distance from trees, homes and people.

Even when all of these tips are followed, there is no guarantee that an injury won’t occur. If someone is injured by a sparkler or snake, seek medical attention immediately. Do not allow the injured person to rub the burn, especially if it’s an eye injury because it could cause blindness.

July 4th is a holiday that is meant to be enjoyed, but you’ll enjoy it even more knowing your family is safe. Taking just a few extra precautions this holiday can help make it a day filled with fun memories.

Enterprise Happenings



Photo by MC3 Jeffry Willadsen

USS Enterprise (CVN-65) Sailors form up in ranks during an indoc capping ceremony held in the jet shop Friday.



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USS Enterprise (CVN-65) Assistant Supply Officer LCDR George Daniel presents a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medal to Ship's Serviceman First Class Charlotte Gee.



Photo by MC3(SW) Tracey Whitley

USS Enterprise (CVN-65) Commanding Officer Capt. Ron Horton speaks with RDML Tom Eccles about Big E's shipyard progress during a visit onboard Friday.



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USS Enterprise (CVN-65) Sailors lay heat resistant tiles on the flight deck.